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[Sir Charles William Chadwick Oman]

[President, Royal Numismatic Society,
All Souls College, Oxford], 1920-1930

August 14th, 1920

Professor C. W. Oman
President of Royal Numismatic Society
All Souls College, Oxford

Dear Sir:

May I venture to appeal for your kind offices in connection with my study of the coinage of Metapontum? As you know, the descriptions of the coins of this city as they are given in catalogues are very inadequate. This is often true of the reproductions also - especially, where the coins are at all worn. If there are any Metapontum pieces in your Collection, I should greatly appreciate having casts or a photograph of them if it would not be imposing too great an inconvenience.

Are you informed as to whether there are any of the issues of Metapontum in the Collection at Oxford? If there are, I should be very glad to bear the expense of having a photograph or casts made if you would send me the address of the official to whom I should write, or, better still, if you would give instructions to have it done and have a memorandum sent me. You will add to my indebtedness if you will send me the names of any private collectors who might respond to a similar request.

I shall appreciate very deeply anything you may be able to do for me; and if there should be any means whereby I might prove of assistance to you in securing casts of pieces in our possession or in the collection of any of our members, I should feel very happy.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPM/E

November 19th, 1920

Prof. Sir Charles Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, Oxon.

Dear Sir:

The casts of the thirteen staters from your Collection together with the three from the Bodleian Cabinet, arrived in good condition. I thank you very warmly for the trouble you have taken to have them made for me.

The Ammon head is of a type for which I had no cast, although I did have a reproduction; I am, consequently, very glad to have it. The Zeus head, as you doubtless know, has the inscription ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΣ; the symbol on the reverse is the squatting satyr. One or two of the others are not at all common. The Bodleian staters are all of the usual types.

I am enclosing a photograph of three of the pieces which seem to have identical reverses, and I am wondering whether I have inadvertently mixed the casts when mounting them, or whether in making the impressions there has been a mistake in numbering. I have numbered them 1, 2 and 3 for clarity in your referring to them. This is a rather important question because if these pieces do have reverses from the same die, it establishes a connection I have been very anxious to make and I should, therefore, appreciate your further courtesy in advising me fully.

Do you happen to know if Sir Arthur Evans is in England at present?

If I can in any way be of service to you in securing casts of pieces which may be in our Collection, I trust you will feel that I shall be very glad to do anything in my power.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/E
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December 23rd, 1920

Professor Sir Charles Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, Oxon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 2nd came a number of days ago - more than I like to remember, but I have been called away on matters which admitted no postponement and could not give it the attention I desired.

There is no need for your apologizing for the mistake in sorting the casts; it has happened too often for me not to know how easy it is - Mr. Newell has suffered at my hands in connection with some of the Alexander casts I got for him.

The pieces about which I asked come in just the period of the series which is giving me most trouble and, in consequence, I am very glad to have your corrected arrangement of these reverses. The laureate head - probably Apollo as you suggest - has for its reverse symbol an alighting owl, (See Jameson 299) where the symbol is not off flan. The head with the rolled hair, with a symbol which does resemble an oval buckler is, however, a laurel leaf, (Hunterian 45). Neither of these types are common or frequently met with; and even though the reverses may be oxidized, they are very desirable specimens for a collection.

May I again express my appreciation of your kindness in taking the trouble you have to send me these casts; I hope some day to have the pleasure of thanking you personally.

With cordial greetings of the Season, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPM/E

January 15th, 1921

Professor Sir Charles W. Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, Oxon, England

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society, held on January 14th, you were elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

Feb. 1. 1921

My Dear Sir

I am much the debtor of the American Numismatic Society for the honour which they have conferred on me, by electing me an honorary member of their Society. I am well acquainted with their work, and fully appreciate the distinction of being connected with them. Will you kindly convey to the President and members, at their next formal meeting, the expression of my gratitude, and assure them that I will do all I can to facilitate any researches which they may be making on this side of the Atlantic.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

C. W. C. Oman

November 17th, 1923

Sir Charles W. C. Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, England

Dear Sir:

Your letter under date of November 6th addressed to Mr. Newell, is at hand. I beg to advise that Mr. Newell is in Europe where he expects to remain for the winter. I shall take pleasure in forwarding your letter to him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

June 25, 1925

Professor Sir Charles W. C. Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, Oxon
England

Dear Professor Oman:

The article which has appeared in the recent number of the Zeitschrift, regarding the coinage of the Chalcidic League mentions a piece in your collection which is of first importance, and also Dr. Gabler states that you sent him a cast of it but does not illustrate the piece.

Professor Allen B. West, one of our members, whose name appears in Dr. Gabler's article is also working on the coinage of this district. Would you be so good as to send either a cast or a wax impression of your piece at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours

SPN C

Secretary

July 18, 1925

Sir C. W. C. Oman
Frewin Hall
Oxford, Oxon
England

Dear Professor Oman:

Thank you very much indeed for the wax impression of your early tetrobol of the Chalcidic League. Professor West is working on this series and as I think you know, he inclines to an earlier dating for the League issues than has usually been accepted. In consequence, we wanted to be on firm ground in trying to realize Dr. Gabler's position.

I very much appreciate your courtesy in sending me the impression.

Very truly yours

SPN C

Secretary

31st December, 1927

Sir Charles Oman,
All Souls College,
Oxford, England

My dear Sir Charles:

In connection with an article by Mr. Ravel on the coins of Ambracia which we are publishing, the cast he sent of a unique stater in your possession, showing a Chimaera beneath the Pegasus, was broken in transit. Would you be so good as to supply a sealing-wax impression of this coin to replace the broken cast? Your coöperation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

16th February, 1928

Sir Charles Oman,
Frewin Hall, Oxford,
England:

My dear Sir Charles:

Thank you very much for the second wax impression of your rare Ambracian stater. The first one was not 'too good', and I am more than glad to have the second one.

Thank you very much for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

All Souls College Oxford. Sep. 9. 1

Dear Sir

I must apologize for troubling you with a query.

Could you possibly find for me, in the members' roll of any learned historical society in New York, the address of a Mr Ernest Lemcke, who keeps sending me valuable notes on Anglo-Saxon history, but never (in clear letters) gives me an address. I am

Yours faithfully C. W. C. Oman

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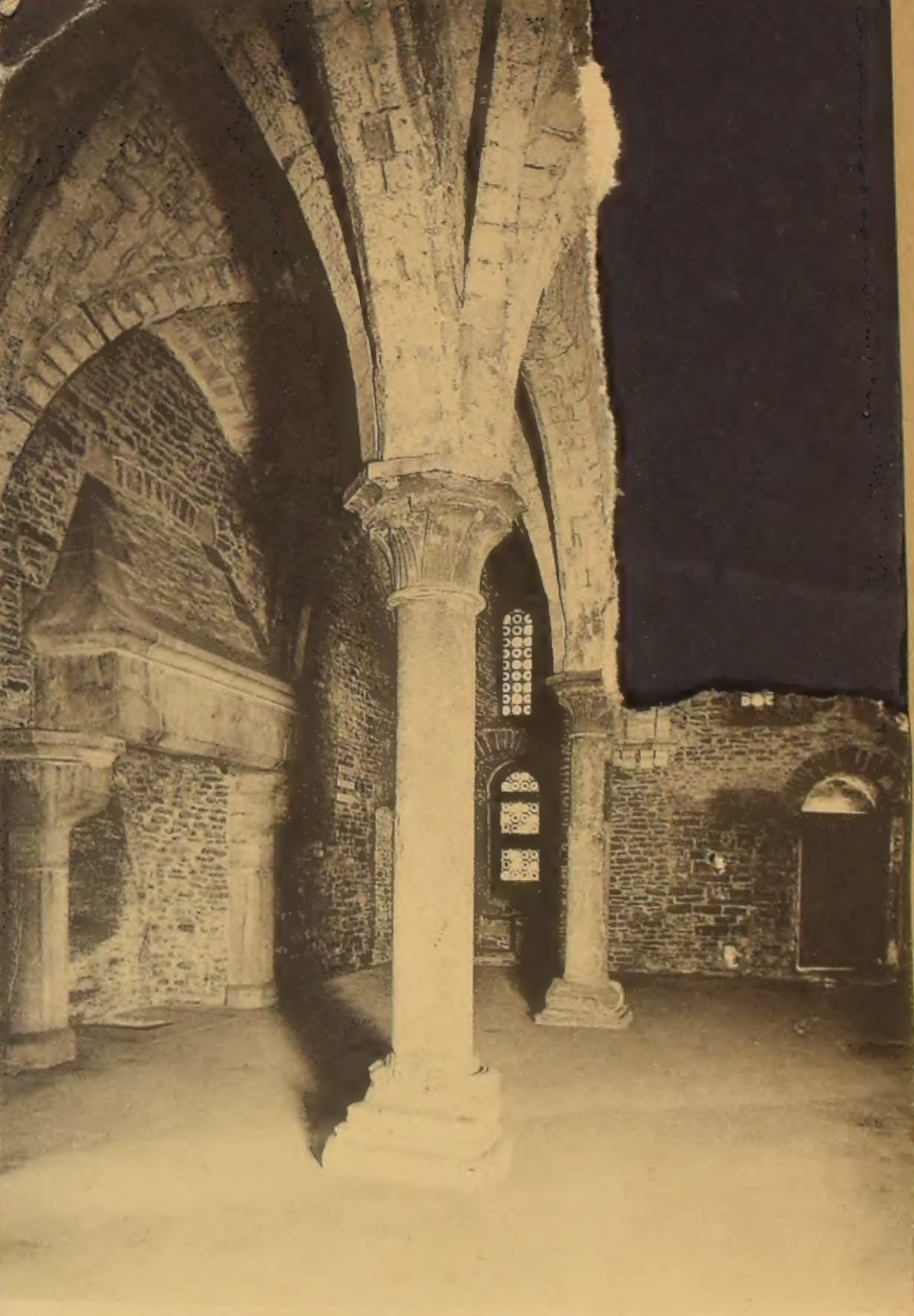

Gand. Château des Comtes de Flandre : Salle d'Audience (1180).
Gent. 's-Gravensteen : Ontvangstzaal (1180).

October 21,1930

Professor Sir Charles W.C. Oman

Frewin Hall

Oxford, England

Dear Professor Oman:

This is just to say that your card asking about the address of Mr. Ernest Lemcke, has not been overlooked or forgotten. I have written to the American Historical Society after looking in our own telephone directory, but I have found nothing, nor are they able to give me any information concerning this man. I gather that your letters are postmarked from New York; if this is not correct, will you so inform me, because that would be an additional clue. I am expecting further word from the American Historical Association and shall write you again in the event that they are able to give me anything definite.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

See Royal Numismatic Society